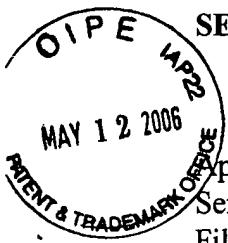


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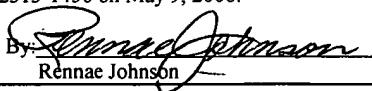
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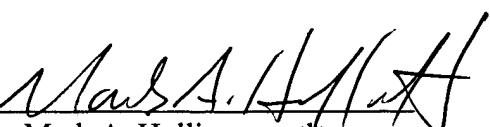
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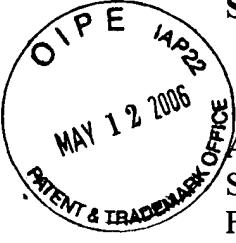
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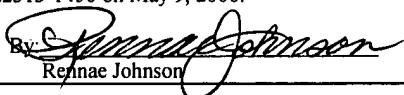
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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2006, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, Applicant submits the present response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 1-5, 8-11, 44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 53-58 and 61-63 remain pending in the application. None of the claims have been amended or canceled, and no claims have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 12 of this paper.